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Albania

E. Economic p. 72

Retain 3 and add: Report any further extensions of credit to Albania and any information concerning the current level of Albanian trade. (U)

Bulgaria

D. Economic p. 78

1. Two years ago Bulgaria indicated it would receive an \$88.5 million credit from the USSR in 1958. Report any details concerning this projected credit, especially as it relates to the 19 July 1958 Soviet developmental credit of unspecified value. (C)

2. Retain.

3. Retain and add: An import and export breakdown as well as total trade figures are needed. (U)

4. Retain and delete second question. (S/NF/CC)

Czechoslovakia

C. Economic p. 85

Eliminate 1 and 2 and replace by

1. There have been many unconfirmed reports on dissension between Czechoslovakia and the USSR on the implementation by Czechoslovakia on the COMECON-coordinated Bloc production specialization and trade programs. We are interested in current reports indicating Czech-USSR agreement on dissension on general and COMECON foreign trade policies. (S/NF)

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Czechoslovakia (continued)

2. There is very little information available on Czech foreign trade plans for 1959-1960. We are interested in receiving such information in order to project such data as total trade, trade with the Bloc, trade with western countries and trade with underdeveloped countries. (OUO)

3. Trade with underdeveloped countries has become one of the priority objectives of Czech foreign economic policy. We are interested in current reports on factors favoring or impeding Czech trade expansion in those countries. (OUO)

East Germany

E. Economic p. 100f

1. Retain.

2. Retain.

3. Change to: Earlier in 1958 the general outline of East German foreign trade plans for the period 1958-60 was made known. Report details, such as geographic distribution and commodity composition, of these plans. Report any plan revisions that have occurred, for example, as a result of the Soviet-East German agreements of early July 1958. (U)

4. Retain.

5. Change to: Uranium shipments of the SDAG Wismut were reported in statistics covering East German exports to the USSR in 1957. These transactions have not been specified in the East German Statistical Yearbook but in covert reporting have been included under "Technisches Konto" (Technical Account). (S)

a. Were Soviet counterdeliveries recorded in trade statistics prior to 1957? Were they included in 1957 statistics? Are East German uranium shipments (and Soviet counterdeliveries) included in trade statistics for 1958? (S)

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East Germany (continued)

b. Report any information concerning prices paid by the USSR for East German uranium and, if possible, relate them to production costs. (S)

6. Retain.

7. Retain.

9. On 10 July 1953 East Germany and the USSR signed an agreement for the cooperative expansion of the East German chemical industry. According to a statement by Ulbricht, under this program, economic assistance of a magnitude "heretofore unknown" would be received from the Soviets. Since that time, however, only one small credit (\$27.5 million) has been officially announced.

a. Report any information concerning the magnitude of overall Soviet economic assistance planned for the East German chemical industry.

b. Report information concerning planned application of this assistance and anticipated effects on the East German economy.

c. Report any further credit extensions, their terms, utilization, etc. (U)

Hungary

E. Economic P. 112

E 3 - Change "predicted" to "predicated" (or use "based upon" if desired.)

By January 1953 nine Hungarian factories had been granted independent foreign trading rights and had set up their own export departments. Five of these plants reportedly are:

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Hungary (continued)

1) Egyesult Izzo; 2) Csepel Kerekper-es Varrogegyar; 3) Orvosi Maszer-es Keszalekgyar; 4) Beloiannica Hiredastechnikai Gyler 5) Ganz Aramzerogyar. What are the other plants granted the right to engage in independent trading activity? How are the factory export plans coordinated with the over-all Ministry of Foreign Trade plan? How successful have these plants been in promoting sales of their products? (C)

Please retain E. 1, page 111, regarding Hungarian re-export activity.

Poland

D. Economic p. 120

Replace #4 with the following:

Information on Poland's foreign trade plan for 1959 is sparse. We need information on plans for total imports and exports, trade by geographic regions, and the commodity composition of trade planned for 1959. (C)

Retain #7.

Page 124 add the following:

1) Polish statements indicate that trade with Western countries is to be expanded in the next few years. (U)

a. What provision is made in the foreign trade plans for 1959, 1960, and 1961-65 to accomplish this? (C)

b. What portion of trade with the West is to be accounted for by trade with underdeveloped countries? (C)

2) Poland's efforts to procure loans from abroad continue. Report any such loans received during this quarter. (C)

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Rumania

B. Economic p. 133


7. Eliminate

8. Retain


Add new paragraph

Rumanian officials have added confusion to the paucity of foreign trade statistics by releasing conflicting absolute and percentage figures on 1957 trade and its geographical distribution. Total 1957 trade figures and import and export breakdown, as well as geographic breakdown by major trading areas (Soviet Bloc, Western countries, and Western underdeveloped countries) are needed. (C)

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